# GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
# HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE
# LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:3506
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USE OF OBSOLETE METHODS BY PHARMACEUTICAL FACTORIES
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**Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:**

(a) whether two major pharmaceutical factories are still adopting obsolete methods despite negligible production in them following which the Government have to suffer loss worth crores of rupees every year;

(b) whether the Government have got conducted a study by the Tata Consultancy Services regarding the functioning of their medical stores in 1986;

(c) if so, whether the Tata Consultancy Services had recommended for immediate closure of these factories for lack of their proper existing infrastructure;

(d) if so, whether the Comptroller and Auditor General had also recommended for immediate closure of these two factories in 1998 after absorbing their employees in some other factories;

(e) if so, whether the Government have taken any action in this regard till January, 2000;

(f) if not, the reasons therefor and officers found guilty for not taking necessary action in this regard; and
(g) the reaction of the Government thereto?

## Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (PROF. RITA VERMA)

(a): No, Sir. The two pharmaceutical factories attached to Government Medical Store Depots at Mumbai and Chennai have stopped production.

(b) & (c): Yes, Sir. The Tata Consultancy Services report of 1986 pertained to Management Information system in Medical Store Organisation. It was the 1996 report, observed that these factories are hardly productive and are not serving any purpose.

(d): Yes, Sir.

(e): These two pharmaceutical factories have been closed since 1-6-1999 and their staff redeployed to other Sections.

(f) & (g): Do not arise.